Awarding of a Contract by Chief Engineer, DDA

1435. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work relating to the Eastern Division drain No. 5 was awarded by the Chief Engineer, DDA to a contractor and that the work was awarded at a higher cost than the original estimate;

(b) if so, what is the original estimate of the work involved and the amount at which the work has been awarded to the contractor stating the reasons for awarding the work at a much higher cost than estimated; and

(c) what is the class under which the contractor concerned is registered with the DDA and whether the work was awarded to him in accordance with his class, if not, what are the circumstances under which the work was awarded to the contractor over looking the class of his registration with the DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The exact name of the work has not been mentioned in the Question. Presumably, it relates to the award of work peripheral services in Zone E-16, SH: C/o SW drains and culverts in Zone E-16". The work was awarded by the Chief Engineer DDA with the approval of the Works Advisory Board and not on his own The estimated cost of the work put to tender was Rs. 63,59,815 and with 56.35 per cent being the contractor's enhancement, the total tendered amount worked out to Rs. 99,84,910 The DDA has stated that the rates at which the work has been awarded are much lower than the justified rates based on the prevailing market rates during the period The justified rates were worked out at 61.85 per cent against the contractor's percentage of 56.35 per cent.

(c) The contractor was registered as Class-II contractor with the DDA though he was Class-I contractor with the Railways. The DDA has reported that the work was awarded by the competent authority after taking into account all the pros and cons of the case and also in the larger interest of the department by relaxing the conditions of eligibility.

Subsidy for the Welfare of Tribals

1436. SHRI S S. AHLUWALIA. Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quite a substantial subsidy is now being given to the tribals through the welfare programmes initiated by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the extent of subsidy being given on each item and the total financial aid being given to each State each year on this account;

(c) whether Government are aware that taking advantage of the illiteracy among tribals, many unscrupulous people are usurping the subsidy amount and the tribals are being deprived of the benefits given for th by the Centre; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to supply items at subsidised rates directly to tribal areas instead of continuing the present practice in which tribals are first to pay the whole amount and then get the subsidy benefit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) Subsidy is given to tribals for various family oriented beneficiary schemes under Integrated Rural Development Programme and programmes under Integrated Tribal Development Project through a strategy of productive asset endowment. The subsidy component is 50 per cent of the total project cost for tribal families, upto a limit of Rs 5,000 per family under IRDP and subsidy component varies between 50 per cent to

80 per cent of the total cost of scheme in the case of ITDP Schemes. The amounts allocated to the various States/UTs as Central share under Integrated Rural Development Programme and as Special Central Assistance for TSP States under ITDP Schemes for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 are given in the attached statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Under the project/ schemes income generating assets are provided to identified beneficiaries through credit and subsidy linkage and the project implementing authorities ensure that the actual benefits reach the intended beneficiaries As per present practice the total package of subsidy and loan is exended at project sanction level itself.

Statement

(Rupees in lakhs)

State/U.T.	Central share of allocation under IRDP		S.C.A. allocation	
	1986-87	1987-88	1986-87	1987-88
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	1869·89	2173.86	850.38	834 56
Assam	628 30	682.58	710.63	705.83
Bihar	3548 86	4205.34	2066.05	2078.10
Gujarat	989·84	1061 51	1246·96	1247·58
Himachal Pradesh	218·88	336·73	241·84	232·05
Karnataka	1086·91	1296·73	116 26	121·08
Kerala	738·98	817·74	77·76	83·74
Madhya Pradesh	2536·80	2925·98	4399·72	4400·46
Maharashtra	1849·73	2212·12	1072·00	1144·51
Manipur	77·41	64 57	280·91	281·76
Orissa	1486·02	1622·25	2174·48	2125·02
Rajasthan	1261.77	1439.53	1019.90	1068·15
Sikkim	43·06	16 00	38·96	39·57
Tamil Nadu	1896·76	2117·25	162·09	178·54
Tripura	73·38	76·56	263·67	256·56
Uttar Pradesh	5014·83	5825·79	31·10	35·23
West Bengal	2000·51	2362·55	701·29	760·26
A & N Islands	45·15	40·00	40·00	50·00
Goa, Daman & Diu	193·36	96·00	6·00	7·00

1	2	3	4	5
Arunachal Pradesh . .	367·15	192·00	These are non-TSP States Hence they have no iTDPs and no SCA is allocated.	
Haryana	345·69	336.73		
Jammu & Kashmir . .	315·02	303·07		
Meghalaya . . .	104·08	96·48		
Mizoram	180·63	80·00		
Nagaland . . .	131·64	84·00		
Punjab	397·68	364·48		
Chandigarh . . .	60·73	8·00		
Dadra & Nagar Haveli .	23·79	8·00		
Delhi	100·58	40·00		
Lakshadweep . . .	30·49	40·00		
Pondicherry . . .	76·75	32·00		

Research on 'Blue Dust' Iron Ore

1437. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research has been carried out on 'Blue Dust', an iron ore found in Bailadila mines by the MMTC; and

(b) if so, the result thereof and the uses to which it can be put?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Laboratory scale research has been conducted by National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (and not MMTC) on blue dust.

(b) It has been found that blue dust concentrates can be used for:—

(i) Manufacture of hard ferrites, soft ferrites and magnets used in electronic industry.

(ii) Manufacture of iron powder used in powder metallurgy and of electrodes, steel strips, etc.

Blue dust can also be mixed in a small proportion with iron ore fines as sinter feed for integrated steel plants.

TV Centre at Jammu

1438 SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to further extend the AIR and Doordarshan units during the Seventh Plan period to the Jammu region;

(b) if so, the progress so far made in this direction; and

(c) whether the matter has been delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. AIR in its Seventh Plan propose to establish new radio stations in Jammu region at Bhadarwah and Kathua and also propose